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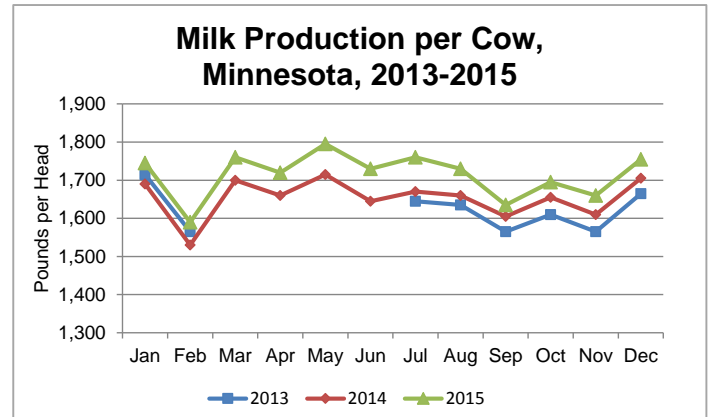
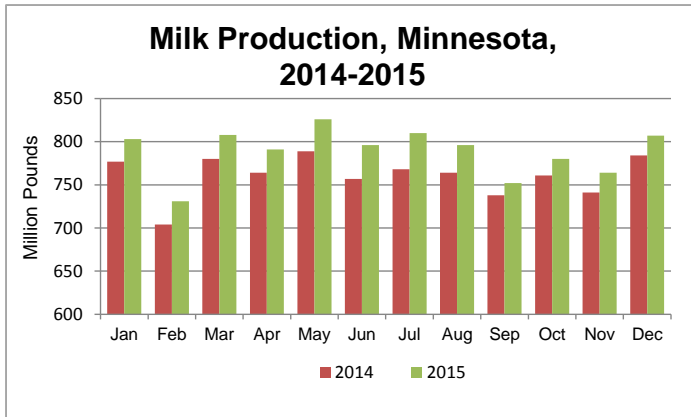
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Milk production in Minnesota during December 2015 totaled 807 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 460,000 head, was unchanged from both last month and last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,755 pounds, up 50 pounds from last December.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: December 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	194	195	2,055	2,000	399	390	-2.3
California	1,780	1,776	1,950	1,895	3,471	3,366	-3.0
Colorado	145	148	2,115	2,130	307	315	2.6
Florida	124	125	1,675	1,690	208	211	1.4
Idaho	579	587	1,995	1,990	1,155	1,168	1.1
Illinois	94	94	1,680	1,720	158	162	2.5
Indiana	180	184	1,865	1,890	336	348	3.6
Iowa	209	210	1,930	1,955	403	411	2.0
Kansas	143	142	1,870	1,855	267	263	-1.5
Michigan	402	412	2,080	2,125	836	876	4.8
Minnesota.....	460	460	1,705	1,755	784	807	2.9
New Mexico	323	319	2,060	1,955	665	624	-6.2
New York	615	620	1,890	1,940	1,162	1,203	3.5
Ohio	268	266	1,710	1,720	458	458	-
Oregon	125	126	1,655	1,690	207	213	2.9
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,705	1,705	904	904	-
South Dakota.....	98	110	1,890	1,900	185	209	13.0
Texas	470	461	1,870	1,850	879	853	-3.0
Utah	96	96	1,940	1,910	186	183	-1.6
Vermont	132	131	1,705	1,725	225	226	0.4
Virginia	93	91	1,630	1,620	152	147	-3.3
Washington	277	277	1,970	1,980	546	548	0.4
Wisconsin	1,274	1,280	1,855	1,935	2,363	2,477	4.8
23-State Total.....	8,611	8,640	1,888	1,894	16,256	16,362	0.7

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 0.7 percent from December 2014. November revised production at 15.6 billion pounds, was up 0.7 percent from November 2014. The November revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,894 pounds for December, 6 pounds above December 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of December since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.64 million head, 29,000 head more than December 2014, and 1,000 head more than November 2015.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 51.2 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 6,000 head more than the July - September quarter, and 33,000 head more than the same period last year.

